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### *Reagan Seeking to Save On Government Publicity*

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WASHINGTON—Contending that the federal government wastes money on publicity, President Reagan imposed a moratorium on the production and purchase of new government publications and films.

He ordered departments and agencies to review existing materials and eliminate unnecessary items, and he asked them to submit a report on projected savings by July 15.

Deputy Budget Director Edwin Harper said that the White House doesn't know how much the federal government spends on publications and public relations but that the review should help determine that. He said the government spends more than \$100 million annually to produce and duplicate audiovisual products.

At a news conference, Mr. Harper cited several government publicity efforts that he suggested waste money. Among them, he said the Defense Department spent \$170,000 recently on two similar films about espionage to add to a Defense library that already included 22 films on the subject.